

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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Hon. Sanket J. Bulsara, U.S.M.J.  
United States District Court, Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Raheem Sessoms v. County of Suffolk et al  
20-cv-00509 (AAR)(SJB)

Dear Judge Bulsara,

I am the Assistant County Attorney assigned to represent the Suffolk County defendants in the above-referenced case. As the Court is aware, this case was previously assigned to now-retired Magistrate Judge Steven Gold and re-assigned to this Court on January 11, 2021.

Following the last telephonic status conference on December 2, 2020, Judge Gold issued an Order which, *inter alia*, scheduled a further telephone conference for February 4, 2021 at 2:00 pm which, at the time, post-dated the deadline for the submission of letter motions regarding counsels' disagreement over the terms of a protective order [DE 27]. On January 7, 2021, due to a family emergency, Plaintiff's Counsel, Amy Marion, filed a motion for an extension of time to file Plaintiff's motion regarding same on consent [DE 29] which was granted by this Court January 12, 2021 with new deadlines set for Plaintiff's motion (February 15, 2021) and Defendants' response (February 19, 2021) [DE 29]. In this Court's Order granting said extension request, the Court also scheduled a telephonic status conference following the submission of said letter motions for February 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm. However, said Order was silent as to whether the status conference previously scheduled by Judge Gold for February 4, 2021 would go forward or was cancelled as a result of this Court setting a new status conference date given the extension of the motion deadlines.

At this time, I write the Court to seek clarification on whether it is the Court's intention that the February 4, 2021 conference proceed as scheduled by Judge Gold despite the motion deadlines being extended by this Court or is postponed to February 25, 2021 based on the Court's aforementioned recent Order and pending submission of the aforementioned letter motions.

I thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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(VIA ECF)